

Examinations Regulations Approved

Effective September 1, 2001, the Board of Psychology adopted the following amendments to its regulations in Division 13.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows.

Amend Sections 1381.4 and 1388 of Division 13.1 of the California Code of Regulations to read:

1381.4. Failure to Appear for Examination – Withdrawal of Application.

~~An applicant for examination who, without a reason satisfactory to the board, fails to appear for two consecutive written or two consecutive oral examinations and who fails to pay the required examination fees shall have his or her application withdrawn. Should the applicant subsequently decide to take the examination, he or she shall be required to file a new application and pay the current application and examination fees.~~

Any applicant approved to take or retake a board licensing examination who fails to appear for such examination in any twelve month period shall have his or her application withdrawn. An applicant who subsequently decides to take the examination shall be required to file a new application and pay the current application and examination fees.

[NOTE: Authority: Section 2930, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2914, 2931, 2941, and 2942, Business and Professions Code.]

1388. Examinations.

(a) The examination shall consist of both a written and an oral examination, except that the oral examination shall be waived for those applicants who meet the criteria in section 1388.6 of this chapter. Such applicants shall be required to take and pass the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Written Examination.

(b) The board shall contract for the furnishing and administration of the utilize the national Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) as its written licensing examination. An applicant shall pass the EPPP before the oral examination may be taken. The board shall apply the national passing grade of 140 to the EPPP as recommended by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

(c) An applicant is forbidden to remove examination materials from the examination room or make any record of any questions or answers. Any applicant cheating shall be removed from the examination and appropriate administrative action shall be taken against the applicant pursuant to sections 123, 496 and 2960 of the Code. On or after September 1, 2001,

applicants may apply to take the EPPP upon completion of the doctorate degree and 1500 hours of qualifying professional experience. An applicant shall pass the EPPP and complete all 3000 hours of supervised professional experience prior to being scheduled for the oral licensing examination.

(d) The paper and pencil version of the EPPP will be utilized through the April 18, 2001 administration of the EPPP. Effective September 1, 2001, the EPPP will be administered only through computer based testing at test delivery sites designated by the Professional Examination Service (PES).

(e) Applicants desiring to take the EPPP shall submit to the board the written examination fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter. The board will notify applicants in writing of their eligibility to take the EPPP. Subsequently, applicants will receive an application packet from PES with the instructions for making arrangements to sit for the computer administered EPPP. The applicant shall complete the PES application form and submit it directly to PES. Eligible applicants shall comply with all instructions established by PES in scheduling and sitting for the computer administered EPPP.

(f) Scores on the computer administered EPPP will be reported directly to the board by PES on a monthly basis. The board or its designee will notify applicants of their score and the passing score. For forms of the EPPP taken between April 1, 1977 and October 18, 1985, the passing score is the score that was established by the board for each form at that time. For paper and pencil forms of the EPPP taken after April 1, 1996, the passing score is the national passing score of 140 as recommended by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). For computer administered forms of the EPPP, the board shall apply a scaled score of 500 as recommended by ASPPB.

(g) Applicants who fail the computer administered EPPP who wish to retake the exam shall submit the written examination fee set forth in section 1392 of this chapter to the board. When the examination fee is received, the board will notify PES of the applicant's eligibility to retake the EPPP. Such applicants shall comply with all instructions established by PES for retaking the computer administered EPPP.

[NOTE: Authority: Sections 2930 and 2942, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 123, 496, 2941, 2942, 2943, and 2960, Business and Professions Code.]